Leicester, Mass.
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Dear friend Webb;

I last wrote to you from Boston - I think it was on the 21st - and I came home thence last evening, having seen Garrison & family & Miss Estlin several times while there. - Lj. and Miss E. are now in Rhode Island, visiting Providence & Newport, and other points of interest in that little State. She will go to Concord, N.H. & visit Mrs. Parker Pillsbury the latter part of next week, and about a week later intends to come to us again. Mrs. May & I are thinking of going to Concord to meet Miss Estlin & take a short tour with her among the White Mountains, - in case she finds no one to accompany her in a more extended survey of that region.

As I wrote you last week, I really think you had better abandon

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the thought of going home this season.
So far as I can judge, Deborah's longer
tarry with her bereaved cousins would
be a great comfort and advantage to
them. After you had completed
what visiting you might wish, or feel
able, to do, this autumn, my house
could be your head-quarters for the
winter. Here we might hybernate,
& make the cold season cheery, and
not tedious, thro' various occupations;
& then with return of Spring you could
complete what your mishap has
forced you to leave undone now. — Is
not this feasible? We will talk
this over, when I come to Detroit after
you.

We think that you may be
entitled to damages from that Steam-
boat Company. Is it not worth
looking into? I certainly advise it.

Every dollar's expense to which you have been subjected by this injury, including Steamboat fare, attendance per pr. on board, medical & other charges at hospital, & whatever else has grown out of this injury, they ought to repay you without litigation; or hesitation. Much more than that they would have to pay, if "gross carelessness" could be proven. — We are indignant enough to hear of the Conduct of Capts. & Officers towards you after the accident occurred.

— I had the pleasure of seeing in Boston, under very favorable circumstances, the ten Chinese grandees who have accompanied Mr. Burlingame (Am. Minister to China of late years) on a Diplomatic embassy to the several leading Governments of Europe & America. To see these Representatives of the Chinese Empire standing in Faneuil Hall, was a new & very singular spectacle, & full of material for reflection.

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Since my last to you, has come
yours from Chicago, penned by
Mrs. Cochran. We thank her very
much for this labor of love to you & us.
We feel, too, that it is too much time
for her & you to bestow on us, in these
circumstances, and I have sent the
letter to Mr. S. J. May, that he may have
those particulars also.

I heard from A. K. Foster within a
day or two. She had gained sufficient
strength to walk down stairs, & remain
for a short time. Her nurse had left her,
& one, as she thought, very well. But
her husband is anxious still. — She
will be most happy to see you, when you
come here. One of the last things of the
kind she did, before undergoing the surgical Operation,
was to ride over here to see Mary Estlin,
when she saluted with much warmth.

All here send love to you. We
always hope to hear from you, but are
not willing to burden yourself or Mrs.
Cochran, to whom we offer our respects, with
long letters. Affly. Yours Sam'l. May Jr